# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2
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ANGANWADI WORKERS
BASUDEB ACHARIA

**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government plan to regularise the services of Anganwadi workers under the ICDS since their work load had increased manifold after they are attached to the panchayats;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government in view of the Anganwadi workers discharging host of functions are considering to increase monthly payment from Rs.700/- and Rs.400/- to Rs.2,500 and Rs.1,500/- respectively;

(d) if so, the time by which the monthly payments are likely to be increased; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI JAS KAUR MEENA)

(a),(b),(c),(d)&(e) Recognising the significant services being provided b y the Anganwadi Workers, Government has decided in January 2003 to enhance the honoraria of Anganwadi Workers by Rs.500/- per month and that of Anganwadi Helpers by Rs.240/- per month retrospectively with effect from 1st April 2002. Necessary orders in this regard have already been issued t o State Governments/UT Administrations.

The Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme envisages that Anganwadi Workers and Helpers would be honorary workers from the local communities who will come forward to render assistance to needy children pregnant and lactating mothers. Therefore, it is neither justified nor feasible to treat them as regular government employees.